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DRAFT MEMO TO THE IAC MEMBERS

Subject: NIS Program

1. Reference is made to the memorandum dated March 4 from the Director of Central Intelligence concerning the final report of the ad hoc committee on the NIS program and to the replies received from the IAC members.

2. It will be recalled that this NIS program was set up under IAB No. 1 and has more recently been working under NSCID No. 3. When first considered, it was felt strongly by most of the IAB members that such a basic intelligence effort was necessary and that a unified system would save the duplication then taking place in the Military Departments.

3. The ad hoc committee has exhaustively studied this matter and has pointed out in paragraph 7f, the last paragraph of this report, dated February 20, it considers it is very important to set a date for the completion of these studies in accordance with a JCS priority list and feels that reallocation of funds and personnel should be effected to accomplish this purpose. It is a peace-time program and will provide basic data so important for future estimates, (so) it is hoped the IAC chiefs will strongly support this program in realigning its personnel as may be necessary, and in reallocating funds, (maybe) from the recently appropriated National Defense funds or through a deficiency appropriation, since the lack of funds is an apparent block to completion of this program in at least two of the agencies.

4. If necessary, it is thought that this matter should be taken up with the Secretaries of the Departments in their function as members of the National Security Council. So it is suggested that the IAC members meet on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss this matter.

4. Realizing that this program is the building of a solid foundation for all special intelligence research studies, estimates, evaluations and reports the Ad Hoc Committee is convinced that the necessary steps should be taken without further delay to inaugurate the program in each agency. Accordingly, it is suggested that the IAC members meet on \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss this matter. It is hoped that each member will be prepared to discuss:

- a) Whether this program, in whole or in part, can now be started, by a realignment of present agency intelligence personnel and functions or readjustment of funds, and
- b) The additional personnel and funds required to launch the program.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. C. Wren". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "J. C." on top and "Wren" written below and to the right.